

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 1-35 are pending. In the outstanding Office action, the Examiner has placed a formal election requirement as follows:

Species I, Figures 6-10 and 13-14;
Species II, Figures 11-12;
Species III, Figures 15-22;
Species IV, Figure 23; and
Species V, Figure 24.

Applicants hereby elect Species I. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 19 are generic to all the Species, that claims 2-6 and 20-24 are generic to both Species I and II, and that claims 7-8 and 25-26 read only on Species I. Claims 9 and 27 read only on Species II. In the event any generic claim is found to be allowable, rejoinder of all claims pending therefrom is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 and 19-26 are presented to the Examiner for initial consideration on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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PETITION and
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT CHARGE AUTHORIZATION

This document and any concurrently filed papers are believed to be timely. Should any extension of the term be required, applicant hereby petitions the Director for such extension and requests that any applicable petition fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1645.

If fee payment is enclosed, this amount is believed to be correct. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1645.

Any additional fee(s) necessary to effect the proper and timely filing of the accompanying papers may also be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1645.